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FM AMEMBASSY QUITO
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INFO AMCONSUL GUAYAQUIL

C O N F I D E N T I A L QUITO 1903

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: EINV, ENRG, PFOR, EC
SUBJECT: DRAFT OF USG LETTER TO SEVILLA

REF: QUITO 1897

1. FOLLOWING IS DRAFT OF LETTER CHARGE PROPOSES TO SEND TO FINANCE MINISTER SANTIAGO SEVILLA AS PER REFTEL:

2. BEGIN QUOTE. IN ACCORDANCE WITH YOUR REQUEST TO ME, MY GOVERNMENT ASSURES YOU THAT IT WILL EXERCISE THE MORAL SUASION AVAILABLE TO IT, IF NECESSARY, TO PERSUADE THE ECUADOREAN GULF OIL COMPANY TO SETTLE ALL OF THE COMPANY'S OUTSTANDING OBLIGATIONS RELATING TO THE PURCHASE OF THE COMPANY'S ASSETS BY THE ECUADOREAN STATE PETROLEUM CORPORATION (CEPE), AND TO DO SO IN ACCORDANCE WITH ECUADOREAN LAW, PROVIDED THAT THE LAW IS APPLIED FAIRLY AND JUSTLY. CLOSE QUOTE.

3. FOLLOWING IS THE EMBASSY'S TRANSLATION OF THE ABOVE:
BEGIN QUOTE. SEGUN LA PEDIDA QUE ME HIZO USTED, MI GOBIERNO LO ASEGURA QUE UTILIZARA LA PERSUASION MORAL QUE TENGA, SI ES NECESARIO, PARA PERSUADIR LA ECUADOREAN
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GULF OIL COMPANY A ARREGLAR TODAS LAS OBLIGACIONES PENDIENTES DE LA COMPANIA EN CUANTO A LA COMPRA DE LOS BIENAS DE LA GULF POR CEPE Y HACERLO DE ACUERDO CON LA LEY ECUATORIANA, CON TAL QUE LA LEY SE APLIQUE EN UNA MANERA EQUITATIVE Y JUSTA. CLOSE QUOTE.

4. COMMENT: WE HAVE ADDRESSED THE LETTER TO THE FINANCE

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MINISTER (RATHER THAN TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER) BECAUSE SEVILLA SO REQUESTED. WE ASSUME HE HOPES THUS TO AVOID THE NEED FOR SUBJECTING THE LETTER TO INTERNAL GOE CLEARANCES, WHICH MIGHT LEAD TO GOE REJECTION OF IT OR GOE INSISTENCE ON SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES. IF THAT IS IN FACT HIS STRATEGY, WE ARE NOT OPTIMISTIC THAT HE CAN SUCCESSFULLY PULL IT OFF.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: THE EMBASSY REQUESTS THE DEPARTMENT'S CONCURRENCE, OR MODIFICATIONS OF THE TEXT, BY 12:00 NOON ON MARCH 25 IN ORDER TO HAVE TIME TO DISCUSS THE TEXT WITH SEVILLA BEFORE THE PROPOSED SIGNING OF THE CONVENIO ON MARCH 28.

6. IF THE AMBASSADOR SHOULD RETURN TO THE POST BEFORE THE SIGNING OF THE CONVENION,WE WILL OF COURSE PREPARE THE LETTER FOR HIS SIGNATURE RATHER THAN THE CHARGE'S.
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